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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4685

INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 8134

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS

SUBJ: COUNTERING PRG EFFORTS TO SEEK BILATERAL RECOGNITION

REF: A) STATE 266161 B) CANBERRA A-230, DEC 10

1. DURING COURTESY CALL DEC 17 ON ME BY NEWLY-ARRIVED GVN
AMBASSADOR DOAN BA CANG, WE DISCUSSED CURRENT EFFORTS BY DRV
EMBASSY IN CANBERRA AND ITS SUPPORTERS TO PROMOTE EHNAHCEMENT
OF STATUS OF PRG IN AUSTRALIA. I HAVE ARRANGED TO HAVE SUBSTANCE
OF REF A PASSED TO AMBASSADOR CANG, WHO IS AWARE OF FORMATION
OF LABOR PARTY CAUCUS COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE RECOGNITION OF
PRG (REF B).

2. I NOTED THAT, AT THIS POINT, GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA APPEARS
TO BE DETERMINED NOT RPT NOT TO RECOGNIZE PRG IN ANY WAY AND
RECALLED REMARK BY PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM ON TV DEC 2 TO THIS
EFFECT (REF B). I NOTED THAT CONTINUED ATTENTION TO THIS POINT
AND COORDINATION BETWEEN OUR TWO EMBASSIES WOULD BE NECESSARY
IN NEXT FEW MONTHS. EMBOFF RECALLED RECENT INDICATION THAT DRV
MIGHT DECLINE TO ACCEPT CREDENTIALS OF AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN
HANOI WHEN HE ARRIVES EARLY IN 1975 AND NOTED THAT DRV HAD DONE
MUCH THE SAME THING WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR FAWCETT IN HANOI,
SEEKING TO EXTRACT AGREEMENT TO PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT OF PRG
INFORMATION OFFICE IN LONDON.

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3. EMBASSY FOUND COPY OF MEMCON OF DEC 4 ON MEETING IN SAIGON
BETWEEN DAVID WALKER OF OUR EMBASSY AND ROBERT GORDON OF
AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY SAIGON OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IN ABOVE
CONNECTION. WE WILL FIND OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THIS ISSUE
DISCREETLY WITH DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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